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Amendment A: REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, previous Claims 1 - 10 have been canceled and new Claims 11 - 23 substituted therefor. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the foregoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of placing the application into a proper condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that Claims 1- 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112(b), second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject of the invention. Importantly, it was indicated that Claims 1 - 9 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the formality rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112(b).

As an overview to the present reply, Applicant has revised previous Claims 1 - 10 in the form of new Claims 11 - 20. These new claims express the original limitations, but express such limitations in a more proper U.S. format, including proper antecedent bases and proper structural interrelationships throughout. Any indefinite terminology found in the original claim language has been corrected herein.

Applicant has added Claims 21 - 23 herein, all of which claims are dependent upon dependent Claim 20.

Based upon the foregoing analysis, Applicant contends that independent Claim 11 is now in

proper condition for allowance. Additionally, those claims which are dependent upon independent Claim 11 should also be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims at an early date is earnestly solicited. Since no new claims have been added above those originally paid for, no additional fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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